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Wednesday Morning, Dec. 2, 1868.  
TO ADVERTISERS.

Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance to insure insertion.

## TO AGENTS.

Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply or papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

In the course of two preceding articles upon the subject of Reciprocity, we have endeavored to show—first, the effect of such a treaty on the commercial interests of the Colony; and—second, the beneficial results which in our opinion must accrue to our productive interests from the admission of coal, lumber, oil, fish and agricultural products into all the American Pacific ports free of Customs' duties. This we have asserted, and brought forward in support of that assertion, the wonderful growth of Canada in material wealth during ten years of Reciprocity with the United States; and the only objection we have heard advanced to the scheme as proposed to be applied to this Colony is the probable injury to the farmer, whose prospects under Free Trade were blighted, and who has only just begun to recover from its evil effects. Strike from the list agricultural products, and all are assured the measure would prove highly beneficial; but include them among the articles to be admitted, and agriculturists are expected to "set their faces as flints" against the scheme.

Now, if parties interested in agricultural pursuits were to give the proposed scheme a moment's consideration, they would discover that their position under Free Trade was widely different to what it would be under Reciprocity. Free Trade beckoned across the Straits the surplus products of the American farmer; but when the Colonial farmer sought to trade in the American market he was driven away by the Customs' laws. Reciprocity, on the other hand, proposes to only admit free here what is admitted into the neighboring States free; consequently, our farmer would enjoy as fair a chance abroad as at home, besides having the satisfaction of seeing, with an increased demand for coal, lumber, &c., larger and more remunerative markets springing up around him and enhancing the value of his land by their contiguity. Suppose, however, a system of limited reciprocal trade possible, we do not think we should offer the slightest objection to the exemption of agricultural products from its operation, notwithstanding our firm belief that in its effects it would prove as beneficial to the farmer as to the collier, the lumberman, or the fisherman. It is only in the event of a broad principle of Reciprocity being insisted upon that we should urge the inclusion of agricultural products; for the farmer cannot expect to be made the object of class legislation and to stand in the way of the consumption of a great public good, any more than the interests of the merchant were considered when Union and Tariff were brought on the political carpet. We all remember how lustily the Country then called out against the policy of the Town, and how quickly the interests of the latter went to the wall. But we entertain no hope of the passage of a limited scheme; and as to a separate treaty (which has also been proposed), the failure of the effort made by Prince Edward's Island, with her wealth of fish to offer, in the same direction last summer, ought to convince the most ardent advocate of Isolation that such a scheme would be utterly impracticable. And it is our firm belief that if Reciprocity is obtained by us it will be on precisely the same footing as that obtained by Canada, or not at all.

## The Necessity for Disinfecting Agents.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—I hope that measures are being taken to have the houses tainted with the late prevailing epidemic, Small Pox, thoroughly cleansed and purified from any latent virus. Should this be left unattended to, it is very probable that upon a change of occupants, and the approach of warm weather in the spring, a fresh development of this lurking poison will manifest itself, and then —. The rest I leave for the public to fill in themselves.

CHLORINE.

## European Mail Summary.

Grain riots are said to have occurred in some parts of Central India. The want of rain throughout the upper provinces had created apprehensions of famine both in British territory and the native States of Rajpootana, in Central India. Instructions have been issued to all the authorities as to the course to be pursued. Rain, however, has fallen in many places, and the prospects are much better.

The latest accounts from China and Japan, says the *Pall Mall Gazette* of the 20th, show the prospects of the Christian missionaries to be anything but encouraging in those countries. At Yangchow, Mr Taylor, the head of the Protestant mission, and his party have narrowly escaped death at the hands of a mob of infuriated Chinese, some thousands strong, who attacked and burned the mission house, and a decree laying the Christian religion under a formal interdict has been posted up at Honmura and the gates of Yokohama. The placards describe Christians as the "devilish sect." The British and American Consuls have actively interfered on behalf of the injured missionaries.

## New Advertisements.

NOTICE  
ESQUIMALT ROAD BRIDGES.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRS, the bridge across Heck Bay will be closed against Vehicles for about five days, commencing from the Morning of Thursday next, the 3rd Inst.

The Bridge across "The Arm" will also be closed next week; but further notice will be given of the exact day on which it will be necessary to close this Bridge, and for how long a period traffic must be suspended.

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.  
Lands and Works Office, Victoria, Dec. 1st, 1868.  
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## WOOD WORKING MACHINERY

"FAY'S" AND "SMITH'S" MAKE.

PLANERS AND MATCHERS, TEN-

NONERS, STICKERS, MORTICERS,

&c.

"HODGELEY'S" PORTABLE Engines—

5 to 20 Horse Power.

"CAHON'S" SEED SOWERS—Hand

and Power.

"SAW AND GRIST MILLS—Portable.

"RUSSELL'S" THRESHERS.

"KIRBY'S" SELF-BRAKE REAPERS

AND MOWERS.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

HARDWARE, NAILS AND ROPE.

BOLTING CLOTH, MILL STONES AND

BELTINGS.

For Sale by

TREADWELL & CO.,

auto Corner Front and Market sts., S. E.

## FOR SALE.

130 CASES OF THE CELEBRATED

McEwan's PALE ALE. Either in bond or duty paid.

—ALSO—

A STORE, at the intersection of Wharf and Fort

streets.

Apply to

THOMAS GOLDEN,

del 1m Nov. 30th, 1868.

## FLOUR.

Standard and Imperial  
Brands.

FOR SALE BY

THOS. LETT STAHL SCHMIDT,

WHARF STREET. del 1m

M. SPROAT, London. M. T. JOHNSTON, San Francisco.

SPROAT & CO.,

Commission Merchants,

STORE STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.,

224 Sansom street, [Bank of British Columbia Building]

San Francisco, California. no31 1m

## MILLINER.

MRS CRAIGG BEGS TO INFORM

the Ladies of Victoria and Puget Sound that she has

REMOVED TO DOUGLAS STREET,

(Immediately Opposite Victoria House),

Where she solicits a continuance of their Patronage.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 28th, 1868. no30 1m

Steam Sash and Door

Factory,

CORMORANT STREET, VICTORIA.

ALL SIZES OF SASHES AND DOORS

on hand, and made to order. Also, a variety of

Mouldings.

Sawing done to Order.

WM. JONES,

Proprietor. no2

## DON'T READ THIS!

FOR IF YOU DO, YOU WILL BE

rushing off to the ARCADE and find that LEVY

has some of the FINEST OYSTERS ever offered in this

Market, and as Retrenchment is the order of the day, he

had reduced his prices as follows:

Fresh Shelled Oysters at \$1 per quart.

Fresh, in Shell, 25 cts. per Hundred, or

75 cts. per Bucket.

Orders from the Fleet at Esquimalt or any part of the

City promptly attended to and delivered Free of Extra

Charge. no19 1m

MONEY TO LOAN.

AT LOW RATES, ON FIRST CLASS

SECURITY.

HOUSES TO LET.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES

for Sale or to Let.

T. ALLSOP,

Agent, Government street, near Broughton.

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Biscuit, Crackers

AND

PILOT BREAD.

MANUFACTURED AT THE CRAIG-

FLOWER BAKERY, by K. MCKENZIE.

For Sale in Lots to Suit.

Apply to

THOS. LETT STAHL SCHMIDT,

June 11th, 1868. ju12 6m 1s

In the matter of the Assignment of

ARTHUR BUNSTER, Brewer.

Dated 7th May, 1868.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS

against the Estate of Arthur Bunster, who have

not already sent in their demands, are

requested to do so before the 1st day of December

next, to Mr Henry Clason Courtney, Langley street,

and all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby

notified to pay the amount of their indebtedness on or

before the 1st day of December next, to Mr Henry

Courtney, at his Office, Langley street, or legal pro-

cessions will be forthwith taken for the recovery of

same.

Dated this 25th day of November, 1868.

HENRY C. COURTNEY,

Solicitor for Trustees of Bunster's Estate,

Langley street, Victoria.

no27 1w

## New Advertisements.

## EX 'CONTINENTAL.'

DIRECT FROM

H A V A N A,

250,000

## Choice Cigars.

Samples can be had at

C A M P B E L L S,

A D E L P H I C O R N E R .

Particulars hereafter. no30

WANTED.

A YOUNG GIRL TO ASSIST IN LIGHT

Housework and take care of Children.

no28 1f

Apply at

THIS OFFICE.

WANTED.

WANTED, AT ESQUIMALT, A WOMAN

Servant, to do general work in a Family of two

persons.

no281w

Apply to

MRS WAKEMAN.

WANTED

WANTED PILES FOR THE CON-

STRUCTION of the James Bay Bridge. To be deli-

vered immediately.

For particulars, apply to

W. E. J. E. RY,

Contractor, Fort street.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 28th, 1868.

no27 1w

## SELLING OFF!

WITHOUT RESERVE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING ABOUT

to leave the Colony, offers his Choice Assortment of

French, Beaver and Broad Cloths, English Tweeds and

French Cashmere Vestings, at Fifty per cent. under Cost

# THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 2, 1868.

PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND, W. T.

ENTERED.

Nov 24—French bk Jennie Bertheaux, loads at Seabeck for Arica, Peru. Nov 30—Lies inside of Point Wilson, delayed by head winds, and in some danger of dragging, masts broken.

29—Star Eliza Anderson, from Victoria

CLEARED.

Nov 27—Schooner Mystery, for Victoria

30—Bk Monyneck, from San Francisco

Entered.

Sch Forest King, for Honolulu

Sch Sabina, for Victoria

Sch Lola (new vessel) for San Francisco

Entered.

PASSENGERS.

For star ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—  
Mrs Hains, Mrs Grant, Misses Hains, Rhoades, Anderson, Gardner, Hoffman, Falcon, Wheeler, McDonald, Brown, Tibbs, and three others.

CONSIGNEES.

For star ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—  
Stamp, Reynolds, Jay & Bates, N C Bailey, Wren, Murray, C G More, J Jackson.

IMPORTS

Per star ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—  
7 lbs corn beef, 4 calves, 23 hogs, 2 pkgs trees, 1 bx bread, 16 lbs oysters, 1 cup flour, 1 bx apples, 93 sheep, 1 cow, 2 oxen, 29 ewe cattle, 1 cage plants, 2 lbs meat.

ST ANDREW'S ANNIVERSARY DINNER.—As

stated in our brief notice yesterday, over forty gentlemen sat down to the Anniversary Dinner of this excellent Benevolent Society. Upon the company assembling in the anteroom, the newly elected officers for the ensuing year (names already published), were installed by the Rev Thos Somerville, whose short addresses to each, as he bestowed the badge of office, were both appropriate and witty. The head of the table was occupied by Alexander Watson, Esq., President, supported on the right by the Honorable the Chief Justice, Dr Tolmie, Mr Somerville, and on the left by His Worshipful the Mayor and Mr Suter, President of the Caledonian Society, Messrs Findlay and Robert Wallace acting as Vice-Presidents. The dinner being prepared by Driard with his usual liberality and good taste needs no commendation; but the efficient manner in which the guests were waited upon added to the pleasure of the party and deserves praise. The official toasts were those common to such occasions, and were both ably proposed and responded to by the gentlemen to whom they were intuited, accompanied, in each case, by an appropriate air from the orchestra. The Queen, The Prince and Princess of Wales, The Army, Navy and Volunteers, His Excellency the Governor, The Mayor and Council, St Andrew's Society, The Caledonian Society, Sir James Douglas, Brethren of St Andrew where'er they may be, The Press, The Commercial and Mining Interests, The Agricultural Interests and The Ladies were the principal toasts, with a number of subsidiary ones between the intervals. As already intimated the speaking generally was far above the average of such occasions, and though the topics introduced and discussed took a range beyond what convivial parties would strictly demand, it was marked throughout by strong good sense, and a total freedom from offence. In support of this we may refer to the speech of the Chief Justice, for the Army, Navy and Volunteers; of Dr Tolmie, for the Caledonian Society; of Mr Gray, for the Press; of Mr Somerville, for the absent Brethren of St Andrew; of Mr Findlay, for the Commercial and Mining Interests; of Mr Orr, for the Agricultural Interests; and of Mr Gillon, for the Ladies. The pleasure of the evening was well sustained by excellent Scotch and English songs, recitations from Burns, and an abundance of racy fun, until an early hour in the morning. His Excellency the Governor and Sir James Douglas both sent apologies regretting their inability to be present; their absence was equally regretted by the Society. So ended the ninth anniversary dinner of St Andrew's, which, for the number present, and the spirit exhibited, was far in advance of several years past. We feel assured that the recollection of this agreeable evening will not soon pass from the minds of those present.

TAXES TO BE INCREASED.—A well informed

gentleman, now in Washington city, in a letter dated Oct 9, 1868, states that the opinion is general that 'the next Congress will have to increase the present rates of taxation or permit the Government credit to sink.'

The Secretary of the Treasury of course, will express no opinion on the subject until the meeting of Congress, knowing well as he does that in case he sets forth the facts, the radicals would charge him with having gone

to the length of assailing the public credit to serve party purposes.'—*Walla Walla Statesman.*

CONFIDENCE SHAKEN.—A San Francisco

paper says that since the late earthquake

parties who had previously contracted to buy land in that city have refused to comply with the terms of their engagements. From this it would seem that in the general shaking up all confidence in the value of land within the city limits is destroyed. The people of San Francisco feel that they are liable at any moment to be swallowed up by an earthquake, and hence there is an indisposition to make further investments in real estate.—*Walla Walla Statesman.*

NEW WINTER GOODS.—Received per Ex-

press yesterday at VICTORIA HOUSE their

usual assortiment of Fall Millinery, comprising the latest styles in Hats and Bonnets, Trimmings and flowers, Chignons and Head Dresses, &c. A case of choice Furs also received—embracing Sable, Crib and other fashionable kinds. A few elegant articles suitable for presents, such as Laces Trimmed Handkerchiefs, Collars, Portmoneaus, Reticles, etc, also on hand.

NOTHING PERSONAL, WE TRUST.—One of

the best things at the St Andrew's dinner on Monday night was attaching the air of 'We're a' noddin' to the toast of The Mayor and Council. We cannot pretend to say whether the thing was intentional, but certainly the incident, from the perfect storm of applause which followed, appeared to be highly relished.

The bark Amethyst and ship Isaac Jeans

are loading at Bellingham Bay with coal

for San Francisco.

TELEGRAPHIC.—A new telegraph office was opened at Utsalady, W T, last week, and the offices at Schone, Semiahmoo and New Westminster have been re-opened for the transaction of business. Superintendent Lamb returned to this city yesterday from the Sound. The line is still down between San Juan and Swinomish in W T, owing to the late severe gales.

THE BRIDGE ACROSS Rock Bay will be closed for repairs, and the passage of vehicles, for about five days, commencing tomorrow morning; and the bridge across The Arm will be closed for a few days next week. During this temporary suspension of traffic, wagons will find a portage necessary at either end of the bridges, or must send and receive goods via water.

PASSENGERS.

For star ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—  
Mrs Hains, Mrs Grant, Misses Hains, Rhoades, Anderson, Gardner, Hoffman, Falcon, Wheeler, McDonald, Brown, Tibbs, and three others.

CONSIGNEES.

For star ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—  
Stamp, Reynolds, Jay & Bates, N C Bailey, Wren, Murray, C G More, J Jackson.

IMPORTS

Per star ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—  
7 lbs corn beef, 4 calves, 23 hogs, 2 pkgs trees, 1 bx bread, 16 lbs oysters, 1 cup flour, 1 bx apples, 93 sheep, 1 cow, 2 oxen, 29 ewe cattle, 1 cage plants, 2 lbs meat.

THE RACE.—The match for \$250 a side between Volereo and Lucy came of yesterday. Although a good race up to within a quarter of a mile from home, Lucy won at last by three lengths. Considerable money changed hands. The owner of Volereo seems to think there must be something in Vogel's beer that gives speed to a horse.

THE NEW COLOURS.—The fashionable shades in Europe this season are the Florence—a rich ruby; the Granat a darker shade; a very brilliant Green—and various tints of Amber. Some very choice goods in these beautiful colours have been received at the London House by the Continental. \*

OUR 'SOCK AND BUCKIN' FRIEND, R G Marsh, sends us from Shanghai a *Newsletter*, the contents of which, however are anticipated by dates received via San Francisco, but the sender has our thanks for his courtesy, nevertheless,

QUARANTINED.—The bark Fremont and ship David Headley both from San Francisco are quarantined—the former at Port Townsend and the latter at Port Gamble—each having a case of Small Pox on board.

POLICE COURT.—Henry King appeared before this Court yesterday in answer to a charge of assault upon John Fitzallen on the 27th ult. King was fined \$10, or in default of pay it to be imprisoned seven days.

MORE LIKELY.—Alexander Dumas, it is said, cannot remember the names of the books he has written. Few of his readers can recollect anything very good that they contain.

SAILED.—The Continental left for Portland yesterday morning, and the Active in the evening. The latter took about fifteen passengers, most of whom only leave us temporarily.

THE NEW AND EXTENSIVE MILL AND SHIPYARD AT TACOMA, COMMENCEMENT BAY, W T, HAVE BEEN COMMENCED BY CHARLES HANSON & CO, OF SAN FRANCISCO.

FROM THE SOUND.—The steamer Eliza Anderson arrived yesterday morning from Port Townsend, bringing fifteen passengers for St Andrew; of Mr Findlay, for the Commercial and Mining Interests; of Mr Orr, for the Agricultural Interests; and of Mr Gillon, for the Ladies. The pleasure of the evening was well sustained by excellent Scotch and English songs, recitations from Burns, and an abundance of racy fun, until an early hour in the morning. His Excellency the Governor and Sir James Douglas both sent apologies regretting their inability to be present; their absence was equally regretted by the Society. So ended the ninth anniversary dinner of St Andrew's, which, for the number present, and the spirit exhibited, was far in advance of several years past. We feel assured that the recollection of this agreeable evening will not soon pass from the minds of those present.

QUEEN ISABELLA.—The reign of the Spanish Queen was longer than is generally thought. She occupied the throne precisely 35 years to a day.

COUNTY COURT.—This Court is adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

OVERLAND RAILWAY.—There are 15,000 men employed in the construction of the Overland Railway. It is encouraging to those who are in constant communication with the Eastern Markets to know of such an early prospect of greater future dispatch. Had this been completed three months since, we should have been able before this date, respectfully to call the attention of the public to the great variety of Styles, and the Choice Patterns of the best Sheffield Pocket Cutlery, Scissors, &c, ex 'Bolivia.'—T. N HIBDEN & CO.

THE HORRORS OF DYSPEPSIA

And the dismal train of disorders to which it leads, are averted by the use of HOSTETTER BITTERS as a preventive, or cured with astonishing celerity by its direct and genial action upon the stomach, the liver, and the nervous system.

THE SHAKING MARTYRS

Of Fever and Ague, instead of being dosed for months with quinine, to the injury of the general health, are promptly set upon their feet again, without danger of a relapse, by this prompt remedy for every kind of Intermittent. Taken as a safeguard against miasma, it renders an attack of Chills and Fever absolutely impossible.

IF YOU ARE BILIOUS,

There is nothing that touches the Liver, the seat of the malady, so quickly, and restores it so certainly to a perfectly healthy and regular condition, as HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS. If of a "bilious habit," the tendency of your system to that form of disease may be held in check for a lifetime by the occasional use of this harmless vegetable antiseptic.

AFTER AN ATTACK OF SICKNESS,

When the animal powers are exhausted, the pulse weak, the mind depressed, and all the powers of vitality at a low ebb, there is no restorative comparable with the BITTERS. They renovate every organ, gently stimulate the circulation, improve the quality of the blood, clear the clouded brain, and impart to the trembling nerves stability and firmness. Said by all Druggists.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never-failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr of despotic tortures, writes that Holloway's Pills made her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected, that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive action.

HON J ROSE BROWNE lately visited Shang-

## CHINA AND JAPAN.

By the steamer Ohio we (S F Alta) have Hongkong dates to October 15th and Yokohama dates to the 28th:

JAPAN.

The following summary of news is from the *Japan Gazette* of October 27th:

A loan has been effected of considerably over half a million of dollars from the Oriental Banking Corporation to the Japanese Government, the principal security being a loan on the Custom House receipts. The exact particulars are not known.

There was a small difficulty a few days since between the Dutch officials and the Japanese authorities, which led to the extraordinary act on the part of the latter forbidding the transaction of any business at the Custom House for Dutch subjects. It was however quickly settled when a more experienced Japanese official took it in hand, who at once acknowledged his colleagues to be in the wrong, and expressed regret at the misunderstanding.

In our last we mentioned that Yedo was to be opened on the 1st of October. That day arrived and sped, and Yedo is still closed; and it is uncertain as to when it will be thrown open.

A gentleman, conversant with every portion of the city, gives the following note from his own observation lately—Yedo looks empty and dismal. In the official quarter, formerly so lively, hardly a human being is to be seen. The grass grows luxuriantly in the principal streets of that region, and even on the roofs of the palaces of the highest dignitaries. The bronze insignia and other metal ornaments at the gateways of the palaces have been torn off, the windows smashed, and the walls fallen to ruins. To add to the appearance of desolation, several roads are washed away by the incessant rain, and a great many bridges are impassable.

'On the arrival of the prince's norimono (chair), the gate was opened, grated on its hinges, and immediately closed; while the poor wretches of retainers, cold, wet, dirty and shivering, were allowed to remain in the open air, while the keen north wind half cut them in two and the rain fell in torrents.

In the Honcho or Main street, black lacquered boards were posted up, on which, in large white painted characters, the people were notified that his Majesty the Mikado was coming to reside in Yedo. It seems that there is some truth in this notification, as it is rumored that the palace in Yedo is undergoing extensive repairs. It is, however, very extraordinary that streets and bridges should be allowed to remain in their present miserable condition, if the Sovereign is really expected—as it has always been the rule in Japan, to have all roads made sound and well cleaned on the approach even of the Tycoon.

The *Herald* of the 17th of October gives the following particulars of the loss of H M S Rattler in Romazoff Bay, four or five miles north of Hakodadi:

On the 24th of September, at 6 o'clock A. M., when off Cape Soya, and under an easy pressure of steam, with not a single ripple on the water to indicate any approaching danger, the vessel struck violently on a reef of submerged rock.

Strenuous efforts were at once made, engines were reversed, and every available measure adopted, in the endeavor to get her off, without the slightest success; in fact, it was quickly discovered that the famous Rattler was doomed to become a total wreck. She had run into a gap or fissure in the rocks, and was irretrievably fixed until she is broken up by the waves, to founder in pieces in the deep water close to the reef. Fine weather prevailed during the day, and no immediate danger to life was apprehended, but at night the wind from the S W freshened and the sea commenced to rise, causing the vessel to thump with crushing effect. As she began to fill rapidly immediate measures were then taken for the safety of the crew, and as much baggage and provisions as time would permit were removed twenty-four hours after she struck; this was accomplished and all were soon in safety on shore, some with their kits and some without, but with a few day's provisions for the whole crew.

The city of Neogata has been partially burnt down, and the Southern navy after throwing a few shells and shot into the town, took possession of it without any very serious conflict, the Northerners having decamped quietly. We hear from very good authority that the Northern party have resumed possession of it after driving away from its suburbs, at the point of the bayonet, the allies of the Tokugawa enemy. Every hope is now being entertained by natives themselves of Aizusa's intention of turning his armies in this direction, while the stratagem which we know he has been putting in execution since his taking the field leads us to believe that he will yet be victorious.

CHINA.

The news from China is rather meagre. The gold mines of Chefoo are still attracting much attention.

A correspondent writes: 'There are now nearly forty miners out; and they must be doing well, for the other day a train of twelve mules went out to them with provisions. Strange to say, we cannot find out how much gold they get; but they must certainly find a considerable quantity, for the cost of their living, etc, cannot be less than a dollar and a half a day each. A party has just left for Pingtu, to investigate the gold mines there.'

It is reported here that the instructions for the recall of the troops came by cable direct to Sir Charles Wyndham—the usual course having hitherto been a reference to the Governor General before changes are made.

The steamer Grecian struck in ascending Gallop's rapids in the St Lawrence on the 30th Oct., the water being unusually low. Capt. Kelly ran her into the bay and grounded her. She has knocked holes through freight and fire hatch, and the water being about fourteen feet deep at stern, the stern has settled down to the promenade deck. The ferry boat from Prescott is alongside and will save most of her cargo. The passengers are forwarded by train.

The Montreal Banks have declared the following dividends: The Bank Jacques Cartier a dividend of 8 per cent per annum. The City Bank of 4 per cent for the half year, and the Bank of Montreal five.

Holloway has subscribed \$1,800 for the relief of the Red River people.

The friends of Mr Wm. Harrison, late postmaster, &c, at Oil Springs, has just been informed that he was lost overboard from the Constitution, a steamship of the Pacific Steamship Company's line, on the 10th of October. Deceased lost for Cal-

ifornia in June last, and was on his return home when, within two days' sail of Panama, he was swept overboard during a gale. Boats were let down and efforts made to save him, but to do so was found impossible. Mr Harrison was one of the firm of G H Leslie & Co., druggists, of Victoria, and father-in-law of the principal.

A sad and singular occurrence happened in the township of Beverley, on Sunday afternoon, by which death was caused in a remarkable manner. A party of boys were amusing themselves in a blacksmith shop, experimenting with a new pair of bellows that had not yet been set up for use. One of the number, a son of Mr Joseph Kirby, about ten years of age placed his mouth over the blow pipe, when another lad compressed the bellows with all his force, sending a powerful draught of air into the lungs of his companion. Young Kirby immediately sank down in a lifeless state, and did not recover his breath again, although medical assistance was soon procured and every effort made to restore him to animation.

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